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United States Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans District Regulatory Branch 7400 Leake Avenue New Orleans, Louisiana 701118

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Project Manager
Elizabeth Hill
WQC Application Number
WQC 170925-01

Interested parties are hereby notified that a permit application has been received by the New Orleans District of the US Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to: [X] Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of March 3, 1899 (30 Stat. 1151; 33 USC 403); and/or [X] Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (86 Stat. 816; 33 USC 1344).

Application has also been made to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, for a Water Quality Certification (WQC) in accordance with statutory authority contained in LRS 30:2074 A(3) and provisions of Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

EXCAVATION AND FILL FOR ACCESS AND FLOWLINES TO SERVE THE PROPOSED BADGER PROSPECT WELL IN LAFOURCHE PARISH

NAME OF APPLICANT: Tellus Operating Group, c/o T. Baker Smith, LLC, Attn: Boyd Boswell, 107 Global Circle, Lafayette, Louisiana 70503.

LOCATION OF WORK: Near Grand Bayou Canal section 10 and 15, T18S-R20E, approximately 4 miles southwest of the Larose, Louisiana, in Lafourche Parish, within the Terrebonne Basin in hydrologic unit (HUC 08090302), as shown on the attached drawings.

<u>CHARACTER OF WORK</u>: The applicant has requested Department of the Army authorization to excavate and place fill for access to install two (2) 6" flow lines and drill the proposed Badger Prospect Well Location. Approximately 103,000 cubic yards of native water bottoms and marsh will be dredged and excavated. Approximately 7.5 acres of water bottoms will be temporarily impacted by dredging and approximately 9 acres of water bottoms will be permanently filled at an elevation of 6 feet above the normal water elevation to encourage brackish marsh re-establishment. In addition, approximately 4 acres of marsh will be permanently impacted by excavation and approximately 34 acres of marsh will receive 6 inches material by way of spray dredging for brackish marsh nourishment.

A Preliminary analysis has determined that the proposed project would directly impact approximately 16.5 acres of jurisdictional water bottoms. In addition, approximately 4 acres jurisdictional brackish marsh wetlands will be permanently impacted and approximately 34 acres of jurisdictional brackish marsh wetlands will be beneficially impacted in the form of marsh nourishment.

The applicant stated that they have designed the project to avoid and minimize direct and secondary adverse impacts to the maximum extent practicable. Any further reduction would limit usage of the property and, therefore deem the project impracticable. As compensation for unavoidable wetland impacts, the applicant proposes to mitigate in-kind wetland credits from a Corps approved mitigation bank located in the watershed.

The comment period for the Department of Army will close in 20 days from the date of this joint public notice. Written comments, including suggestions for modifications or objections to the proposed work, stating reasons thereof, are being solicited from anyone having interest in this permit and/or this WQC request and must be mailed so as to be received before or by the last day of the comment period. Letters concerning the Corps of Engineers permit application must reference the applicant's name and the Permit Application Number, and be mailed to the Corps of Engineers at the address above, ATTENTION: REGULATORY BRANCH. Similar letters concerning the Water Quality Certification must reference the applicant's name and the WQC application number and be mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality at the address above. Individuals or parties may request an extension of time in which to comment on the proposed work by writing or e-mailing the Corps of Engineers Project Manager listed above. Any request must be specific and substantively supportive of the requested extension, and received by this office prior to the end of the initial comment period. The Section Chief will review the request and the requestor will be promptly notified of the decision to grant or deny the request. If granted, the time extension will be continuous to the initial comment period and, inclusive of the initial comment period, will not exceed a total of 30 calendar days.

The application for this proposed project is on file with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and may be examined during weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Copies may be obtained upon payment of costs of reproduction.

Corps of Engineers Permit Criteria

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The US Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public, federal, state, and local agencies and officials, Indian Tribes, and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the US Army Corps of Engineers to determine whether to make, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

The New Orleans District is unaware of properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places near the proposed work. The possibility exists that the proposed work may damage or destroy presently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistorical, historical sites, or data. Copies of this notice are being sent to the State Archeologist and State Historic Preservation Officer.

Our initial finding is that the proposed work would not affect any species, nor affect any habitat designated as critical to the survival and recovery of such species, listed as endangered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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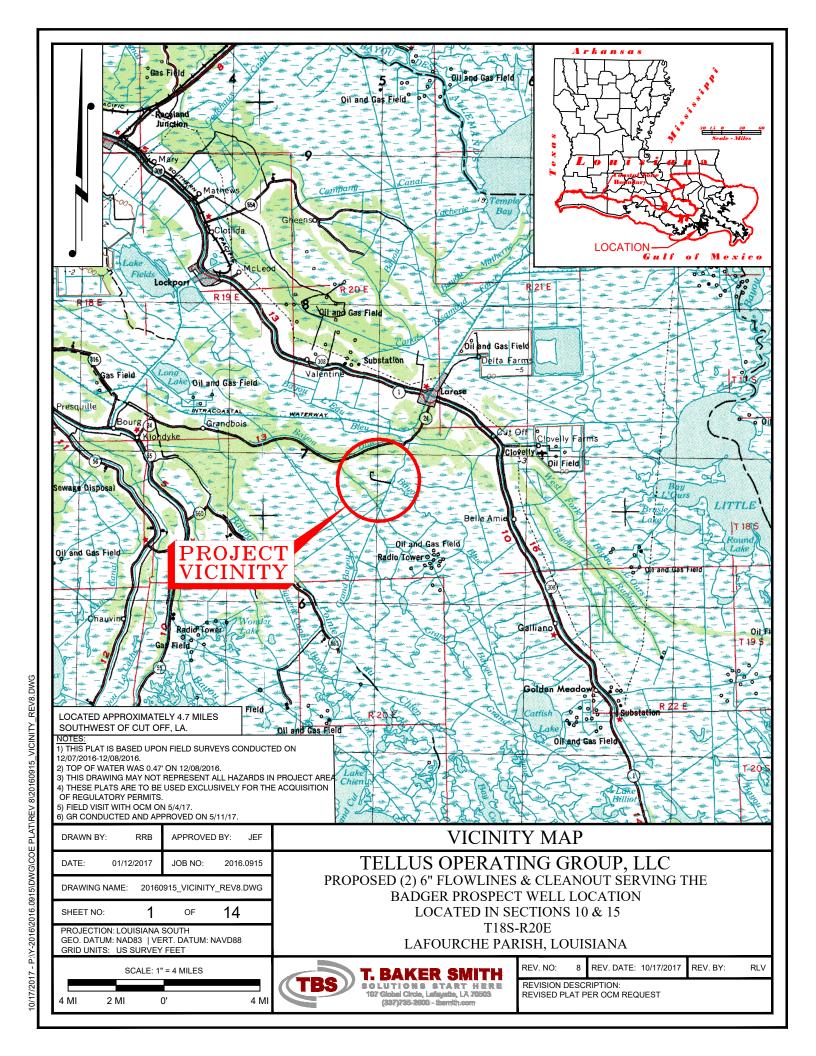
This notice initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The applicant's proposal would result in the destruction or alteration of up to <u>54.5</u> acres of EFH utilized by various life stages of red drum and penaeid shrimp. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial adverse impact on EFH or federally managed fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

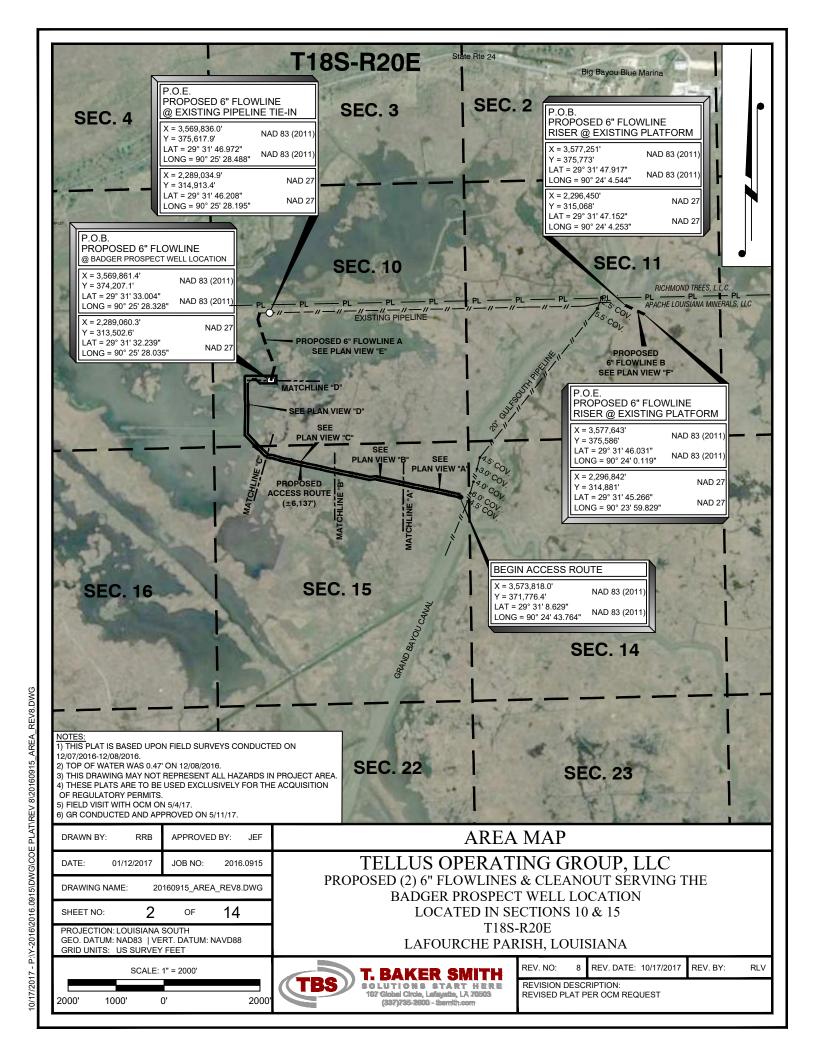
If the proposed work involves deposits of dredged or fill material into navigable waters, the evaluation of the probable impacts will include the application of guidelines established by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Also, a certification that the proposed activity will not violate water quality standards will be required from the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services before a permit is issued.

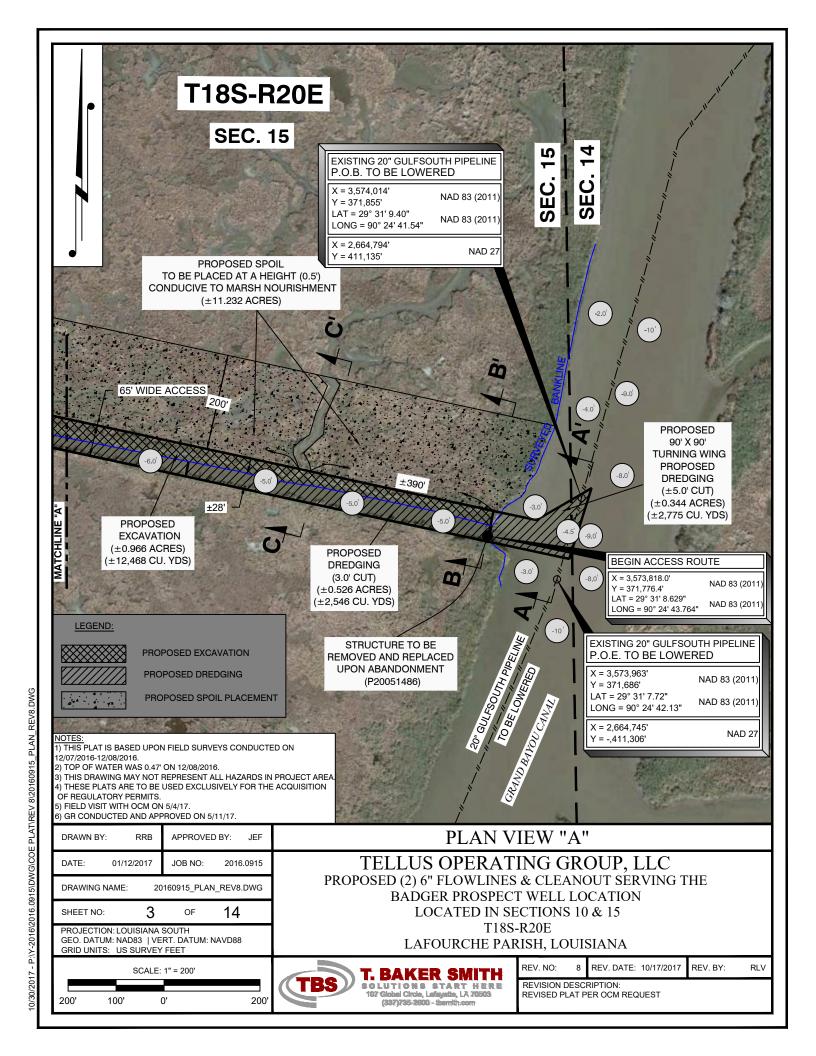
Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing. You are requested to communicate the information contained in this notice to any other parties whom you deem likely to have interest in the matter.

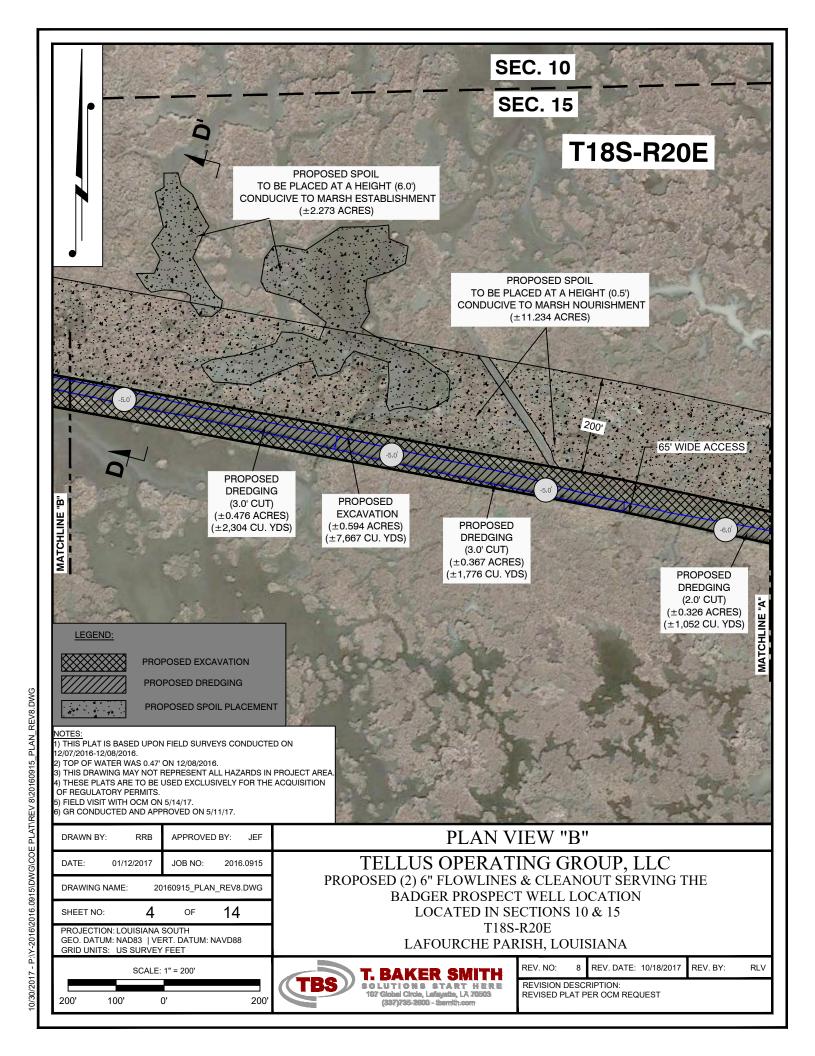
The applicant has certified that the proposed activity described in the application complies with and will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Louisiana Coastal Resources Program. The Department of the Army permit will not be issued unless the applicant received approval or a waiver of the Coastal Use Permit by the Department of Natural Resources.

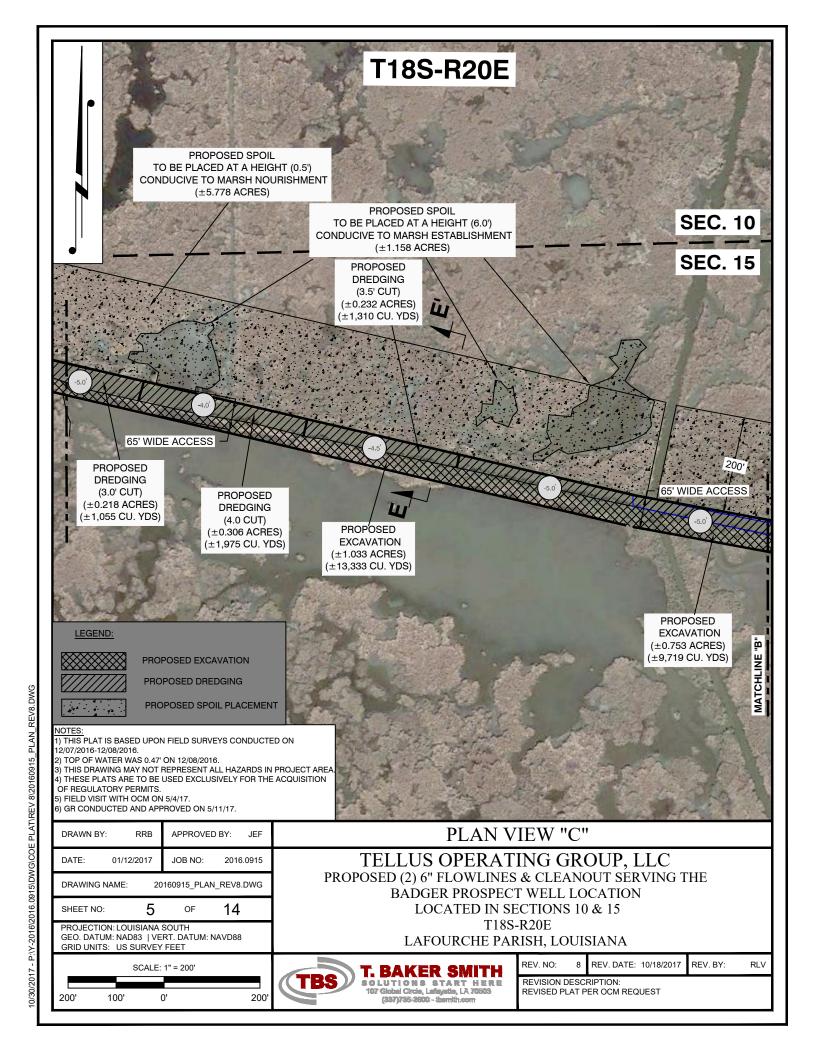
For JOHN M. HERMAN
Chief, Central Evaluation Section
Regulatory Branch

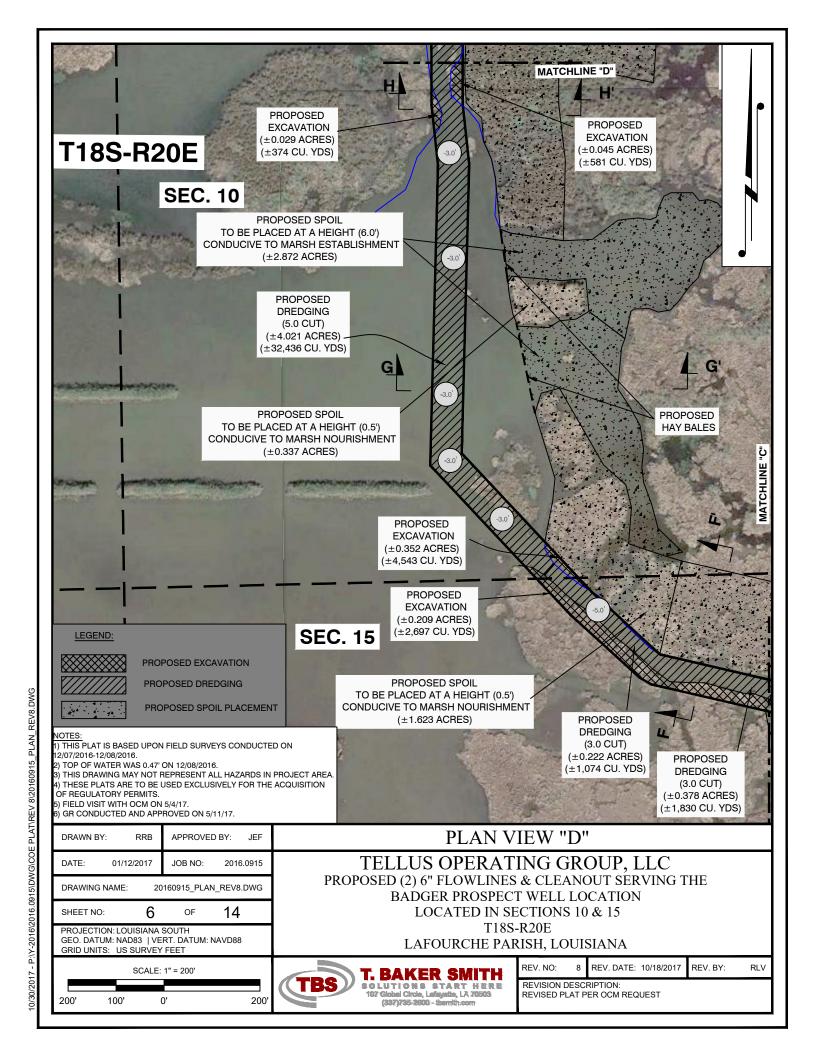


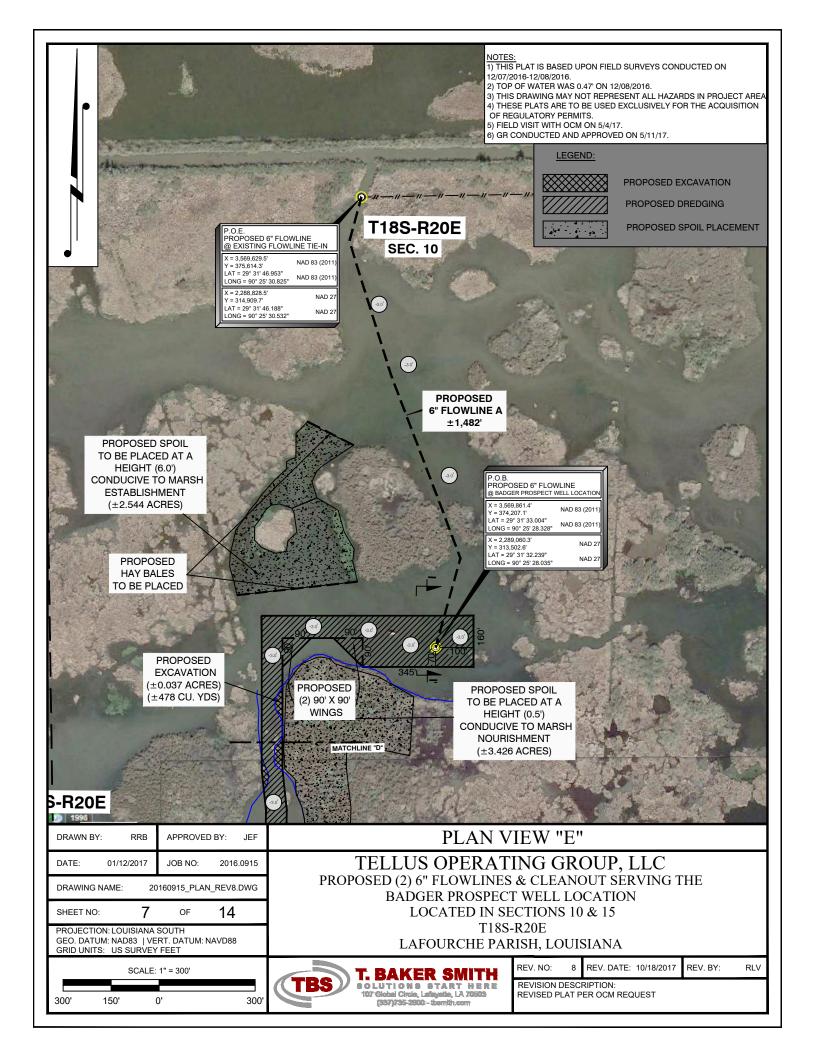


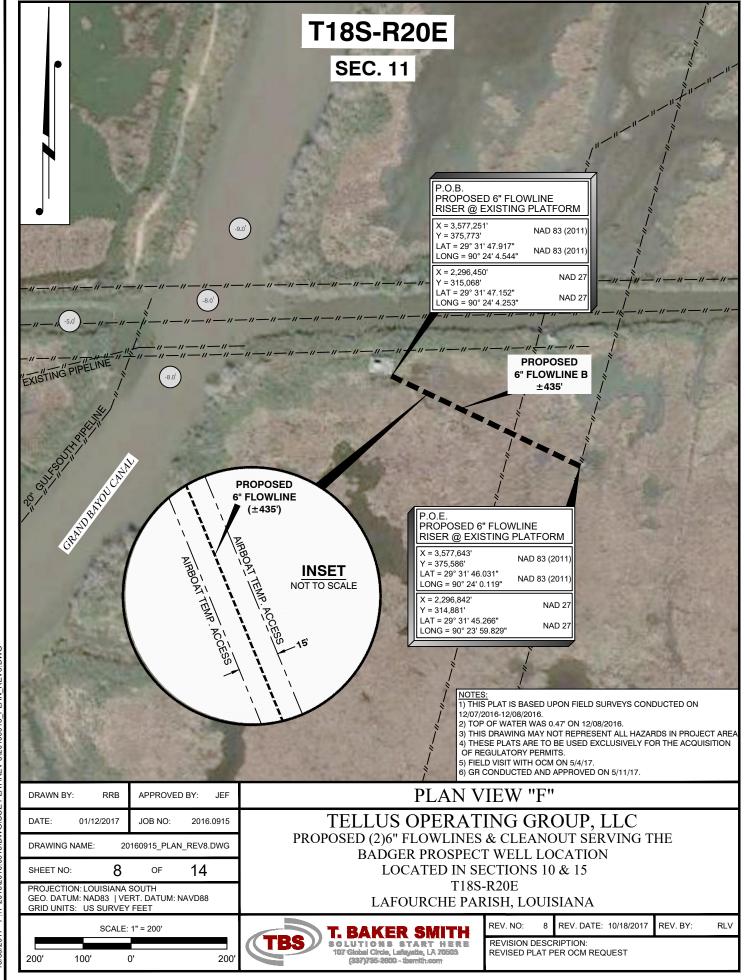






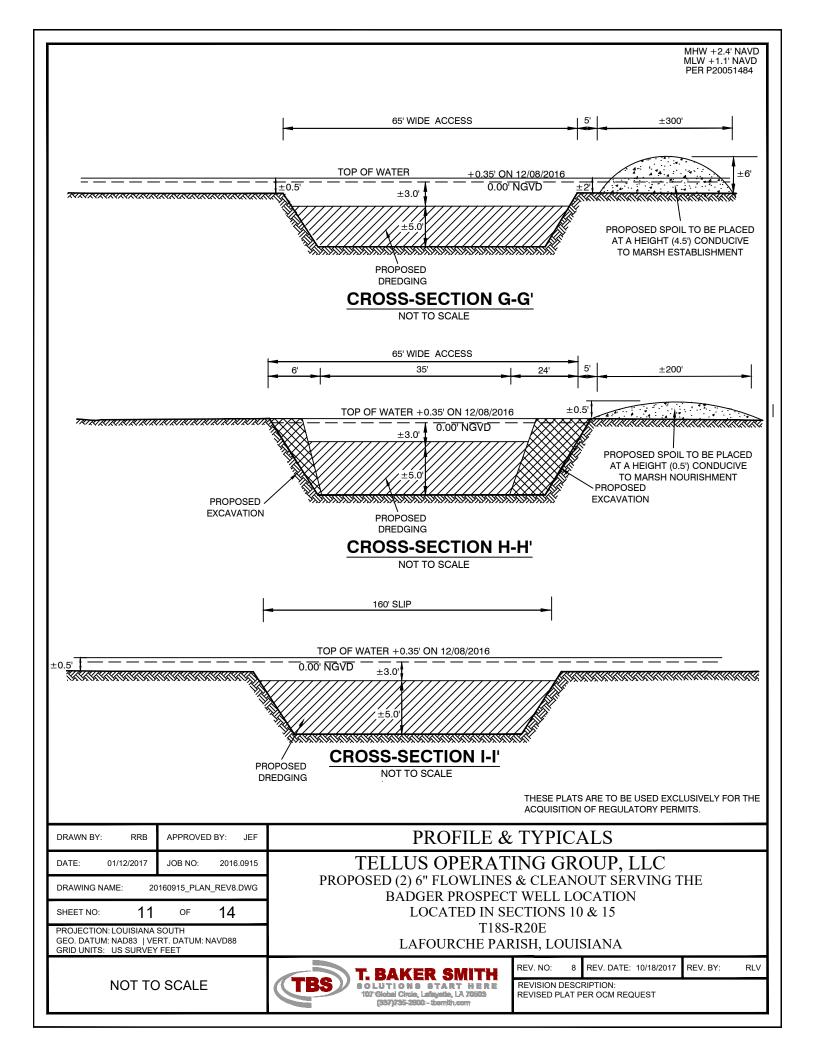


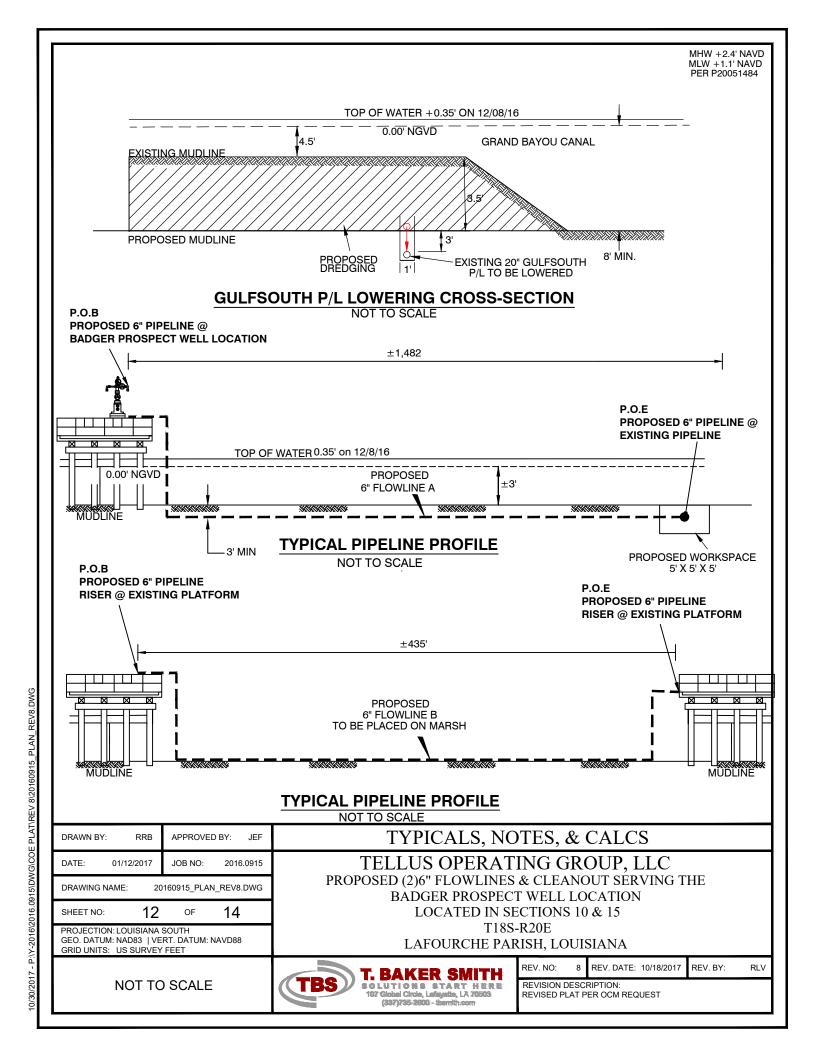


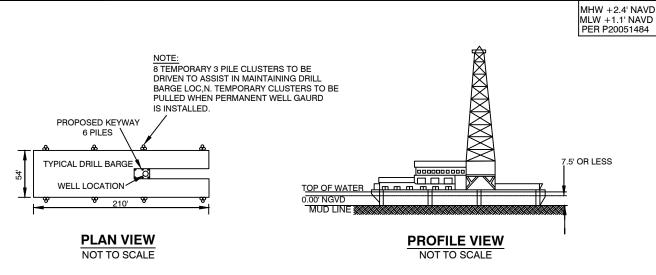


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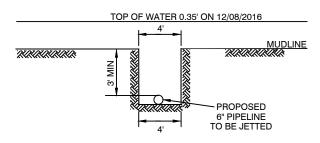
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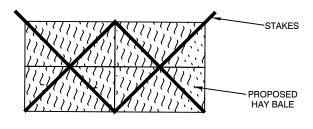


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TYPICALS, NOTES, & CALCS

TELLUS OPERATING GROUP, LLC

PROPOSED (2)6" FLOWLINES & CLEANOUT SERVING THE BADGER PROSPECT WELL LOCATION LOCATED IN SECTIONS 10 & 15 T18S-R20E

LAFOURCHE PARISH, LOUISIANA



REV. DATE: 10/18/2017 REVISION DESCRIPTION:

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REVISED PLAT PER OCM REQUEST

REV. BY:

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COASTAL NOTES:

ALL STRUCTURES, FACILITIES, WELLS AND PIPELINES/FLOWLINES OCCURRING IN OPEN WATER AREAS, OR IN OILFIELD CANALS, OR SLIPS SHALL BE REMOVED WITHIN 120 DAYS OF ABANDONMENT OF THE FACILITIES FOR THE HEREIN PERMITTED USE, UNLESS PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL TO LEAVE SUCH STRUCTURES IN PLACE IS RECEIVED FROM THE COASTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION. THIS CONDITION DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE NECESSITY FOR REVISING THE CURRENT PERMIT OR OBTAINING A SEPARATE COASTAL USE PERMIT, SHOULD ONE BE REQUIRED FOR SUCH ACTIVITIES.

AS-BUILT DRAWINGS SHALL BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF COMPLETION OF THIS PROJECT TO THE LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, COASTAL MANAGEMENT DIVISION AND OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, PIPELINE SAFETY DIVISION, POST OFFICE BOX 44487, BATON ROUGE, LA 70804-4487.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL PARTIES, THE PERMITEE SHALL CONTACT THE LOUISIANA ONE CALL SYSTEM (1-800-272-3020) A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF ANY EXCAVATION (DIGGING, DREDGING, JETTING, ETC.) OR DEMOLITION ACTIVITY

THE PERMITEE SHALL ALSO CONTACT OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES THAT MAY HAVE OPTED OUT OF THE ONE CALL PROGRAM . THESE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES MAY HAVE OPERATIONS LOCATED IN THE AREA OF THIS PROJECT.

ALL STRUCTURES WILL BE MARKED AND LIGHTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH U.S. COAST GUARD REGULATIONS.

CALCULATIONS:

APPROXIMATELY 50,133 CU YDS OF MATERIAL TO BE DISPLACED DUE TO DREDGING OF WATER BOTTOMS..

APPROXIMATELY 7.416 ACRES OF WATER BOTTOM TO BE IMPACTED BY DREDGING OF WATER BOTTOMS.

APPROXIMATELY 51,860 CU YDS OF MATERIAL TO BE DISPLACED DUE TO EXCAVATION OF MARSH.

APPROXIMATELY 4.018 ACRES OF MARSH TO BE IMPACTED BY EXCAVATION OF MARSH.

APPROXIMATELY 33.63 ACRES OF MATERIAL TO BE IMPACTED DUE TO SPOIL PLACEMENT AT A HEIGHT (0.5°) CONDUCTIVE TO MARSH NOURISHMENT.

APPROXIMATELY 8.847 ACRES OF MATERIAL TO BE IMPACTED DUE TO SPOIL PLACEMENT AT A HEIGHT (6.0°) CONDUCTIVE TO MARSH ESTABLISHMENT.

APPROXIMATELY 0.004 ACRES OF MATERIAL TO BE IMPACTED DUE TO LOWERING OF PIPELINE.

APPROXIMATELY 20 CU YDS OF MATERIAL TO BE DISPLACED DUE TO LOWERING OF PIPELINE.

APPROXIMATELY 102,786 CU YDS OF SPOIL MATERIAL TO BE DEPOSITED FROM DREDGING, EXCAVATION, AND PIPELINE INSTALLATION ACTIVITIES. THIS SPOIL WILL BE PLACED IN A MANNER CONDUCIVE TO MARSH ESTABLISHMENT.

APPROXIMATELY 768.4 CU YDS OF MATERIAL TO BE DISPLACED FOR PIPELINE INSTALLATION.

APPROXIMATELY 0.136 ACRES OF WATER BOTTOM TO BE TEMPORARILY IMPACTED BY PIPELINE INSTALLATION.

APPROXIMATELY 4.63 CU YDS OF MATERIAL TO BE DISPLACED FOR WORKSPACE (0.0006 ACRES TO BE IMPACTED).

NOTES:

PROPOSED PIPELINE TO BE INSTALLED 3' BELOW EXISTING MUDLINE.

DRAFT OF VESSELS UTILIZED FOR THIS PROJECT WILL BE LESS THAN 7.5'

SELF PROPELLED PIPE LAYING BARGE WILL HAVE A MAX VESSEL DRAFT OF 2.5'.

SURROUNDING MARSH AROUND PROJECT SITE HAS ELEVATION OF APPROX. 1.0' ABOVE 0.00' NGVD.

SPOIL PLACEMENT IN OPEN WATER WILL BE PLACED AT 6.0' TO ALLOW FOR A SETTLEMENT HEIGHT OF 2.0'.

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